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herein consists of personal comments and does not represent the official
policies or positions of any party. Your mileage may vary. So there.

Date: Tue, 26 Oct 93 23:09:06 CDT
From: swrinde!menudo.uh.edu!jpunix!unkaphaed!amanda!robert@network.ucsd.edu
Subject: GAY & QST
To: ham-policy@ucsd.edu

jherman@uhunix3.uhcc.Hawaii.Edu (Jeff Herman) writes:

> In article <rcrw90-261093084656@node_142cf.aieg.mot.com> rcrw90@email.mot.com
> >
> >You haven't been following that issue have you? Gay sex is now one of the
> >safest forms of sex,
> >
> Oh gad, you folks will make up anything, won't you! The Los Angeles County
> Health Department, as reported in the L.A. Times (which I read here in Hawaii
> states that 95% of their AIDS cases are gay men.

Correct me if I'm wrong, but isn't gay sex sodomy? Ouch!

--Robert

Date: 27 Oct 93 09:45:16 GMT
From: techbook.com!techbook.com!not-for-mail@uunet.uu.net
Subject: Getting my license. Do I want to be lik
To: ham-policy@ucsd.edu

Dan P. Trainor (dpt@ri.cadre.com) wrote:
: 2 meters is a lost cause... Why don't we just give it away as another
: CB band and increase the license requirements for the rest of the
: spectrum....

I say:
The 2 meter band is not a CB band here in Oregon! I guess the citizens abuse
the hell out of 2m where you live?
Better deal with them. Hope they don't move here!

73's
Gene
KB7WIP
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Date: Wed, 27 Oct 1993 03:53:15 GMT
From: swrinde!cs.utexas.edu!math.ohio-state.edu!howland.reston.ans.net!agate!
headwall.Stanford.EDU!Csl!paulf@network.ucsd.edu
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References <rcrw90-251093105138@node_142cf.aieg.mot.com>,
<CFH56o.D2C@news.Hawaii.Edu>, <rcrw90-261093090526@node_142cf.aieg.mot.com>
Subject : Re: DON'T End It All Now, Please ...

rcrw90@email.mot.com (Mike Waters) writes:

>Unfortunately the FCC statistics don't support you! More people fail the
>theory tests than fail the CW tests! Likewise test in other areas such as
>aviation show that good, fair tests can be administered using multiple
>choice formats.

Since more people take the theory exams (note the large number of codeless
techs) and there are more theory exams (5 vs 3), this isn't suprising nor
necessarily relevant.

>Then there is the USCG 100 ton master's license (also multiple choice) - It

>doesn't test for seamanship, but you sure do know the theory if you can
>pass it!

My wife (who has her master's license) would like to differ with you. Aside from the written, the master's license requires a (high) minimum number of hours of experience as a seaman.

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-=Paul Flaherty, N9FZX | "The National Anthem has become The Whine."
->paulf@Stanford.EDU | -- Charles Sykes, _A Nation of Victims_

Date: Wed, 27 Oct 1993 18:47:06 GMT
From: news.cerf.net!pagesat!olivea!spool.mu.edu!agate!headwall.Stanford.EDU!Csli!
paulf@network.ucsd.edu
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References <931023.78379.EDELLERS@delphi.com>,
<DRT.930ct25092627@carbonara.mit.edu>, <19930ct27.142103.6908@mixcom.mixcom.com>
Subject : Re: Spectrum utilization.

kevin.jessup <kevin.jessup@mixcom.mixcom.com> writes:

>Because the VAST MAJORITY of CW users can TALK 5 to 10 times faster
>using SSB compared to CW, the same amount of "data" is passed in
>5 to 10 times LESS air-time. So it cancels out! (Depending on
>how you count! ;-))

Nope.

A typical SSB signal has a necessary bandwidth of 2.4 kHz, while a typical CW signal is around 100 Hz, so that's a factor of 24, not 5 or 10. Secondly, you're assuming that message size is independent of transmission latency, which is clearly not valid. Aside from the fact that most CW ops speak in abbreviations, you don't waste time saying "um", "like", "okay" and so on. Assuming a typical speech rate of 120 WPM, and a 50% compression rate for the CW op, CW winds up being more efficient by a factor of 5.2 Hz-s.

>Beer is taking up far too much space here at the local liquor store.
>A prefer a high-alcohol very dry martini (made with Bombay Gin) to
>beer. In the same amount of shelf-space, I can get much more alcohol
>per unit volume than I can with beer. Beer is not very efficient
>at shelf (spectrum) utilization. People who actually try a dry
>martini might learn to appreciate it and "use" one once in a while.
>Then us martini drinkers could recover some of our shelf space.

Ah, but fortunately for us beer drinkers, beer is not a limited resource,

nor is shelf space. You have a choice of which liquor store you patronize, and the store can always expand to meet demand (Discount Liquors on the South Side of Milwaukee, for example).

Such is not the case with HF spectrum, a limited resource.

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Date: Wed, 27 Oct 1993 11:37:19 GMT
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References <2500@arrl.org>, <2ah2bl\$h4e@apple.com>,
<2ahbo2INN17k@network.ucsd.edu>
Subject : Re: Inflation

In article <2ahbo2INN17k@network.ucsd.edu> brian@nothing.ucsd.edu (Brian Kantor) writes:

>Some of us can say in all (im)modesty that they have never owned nor worn a tie.

Most of us can say in all sincerity that we have never owned
nor worn even one earring.

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Julian Macassey, N6ARE. julian@bongo.tele.com

Date: Wed, 27 Oct 1993 16:48:54 GMT
From: news.service.uci.edu!paris.ics.uci.edu!csulb.edu!library.ucla.edu!agate!pool.mu.edu!uwm.edu!msuinfo!uchinews!att-out!cbfsb!cbnews!cbnewst!cbnewsm!jeffj@network.ucsd.edu
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References <29qstj\$rf4@news.delphi.com>, <CF45wp.2AA@cbnewsm.cb.att.com>,
<931024.46795.EDELLERS@delphi.com>mu.edu
Subject : Re: End-It All Now, Please...

In article <931024.46795.EDELLERS@delphi.com> Ed Ellers <EDELLERS@delphi.com> writes:

>"...is there a rational reason for having a written test?"

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>YES. The written test measures knowledge of FCC regulations, basic theory
>principles, operating procedures and (in recent years) RF safety -- all of which
>are valid issues in ALL modes. CW knowledge is only beneficial in one mode.
>"I feel if they ever got rid of the CW requirement they should make the tests
>much, much harder."
>"Then again you will hear 'Why are the tests so hard when all I want to do is
>talk on SSB'."
>
>Then we'll be able to look those whiners in the eye and say that our written
>test is a RATIONAL way of keeping out those who would misuse the spectrum. We
>can't do that now in good conscience.

What separates Amateur Radio from CB are the written tests and the CW requirement. As what was quoted above supports my arguments that first the CW goes and then the written tests goes. Then the quality of Amateur Radio goes and becomes world wide CB. The anti CW types simply want to be able to buy a rig and get on the air with no effort at all. CB is available to them right now that satisfies that need. Oh gee, it is so messy there on CB and it has so many problems. I think I'll try Amateur Radio, oh my, it has a CW requirement and written tests. I'll just moan and complain about them and they will go away. What's this the FCC has just gotten rid of the CW requirement and the written tests! Now I'll go down and buy that rig right away. Oh no, the ham bands sound just like CB now and I just can't understand why. Well maybe I'll go get that degree now, oh no they have tests there too. All I want to do is brain surgery. Maybe if I just moan and complain about the tests they will go away. The story continues folks...

Jeff

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